

THE FACES OF HUNGER

Paola and Her Family

Paola and her family have been volunteering at one of our partner pantries in New Rochelle for over five years. Paola is a mother of two working part-time, while her husband works full-time as a truck driver. She shares that her family is grateful for the chance

Paola and her family's story is one that's all too familiar in Westchester County.

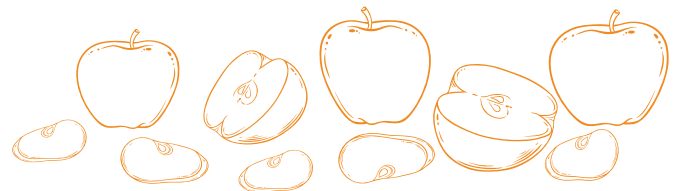
to help others. They know first-hand what it is like to need extra help during hard times. "Volunteering at the pantry is like being a part of a family. It makes you feel



good to be able to give back to the community, but it has also benefited our family so much. We're able to save money for things like bills, rent, clothes, and school supplies for the kids because of these programs. The kids love all of the fresh fruits and vegetables and milk for their cereal."



Your gift helps neighbors during their time of need



Look inside for these stories!

- Just in time for the Holidays: Turkey Distributions to families.
- Working with partners at Mobile Pantries to help feed our hungry neighbors!
- Stories of how Together we are Feeding Westchester.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we embark on 2021, we're filled with hope and optimism that this year will be easier for us all. When we look back at 2020, we're filled with gratitude because of YOU and your unwavering compassion.

Due to your generosity and the support of our partners, our programs distributed a record-breaking number of meals to our neighbors in need — more than at any time in our 30-year history. Whatever the new year brings, we will continue to stand alongside our partners to provide as many meals as possible to support those in need.

Thank you for ensuring we are able to do this critical work. **Together we are Feeding Westchester!**

To a Joyous 2021,

Karen



**Karen C. Erren,
President & CEO**

Getting Turkeys on Our Neighbors' Tables for the Holidays

Thanks to your support, Feeding Westchester was able to distribute more than 8,000 turkeys to those in need throughout Westchester County over the Thanksgiving holiday. That means, together, we were able to provide nearly 40,000 people throughout Westchester County with turkey for their holiday plates.

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A turkey for many of us is just for Thanksgiving Day, but for those in need, a turkey can provide necessary meals for a week. Children, seniors, and families were able to enjoy the holiday, thanks to the generosity of our community.

**Together we are
Feeding Westchester!**



Receiving a turkey just in time for the holiday

**SEE WHAT
YOU DID:**

January 1, 2020 to
December 31, 2020



Neighbors helped
per month

*On average since April

297,973



Food provided for
kids' and school
programs

1.1 million lbs.



Free food shared
with partner food
pantries

14.7 million lbs.

TOGETHER WE ARE Feeding Westchester

During September's Hunger Action Month, local businesses came together, while staying remote, to compete, pack bags, and raise money in our inaugural **Leader of the Pack Corporate Challenge** sponsored by long-time partner, Webster Bank. Thanks to participating teams from Morgan Stanley, Mutual of America, PepsiCo, PKF O'Connor



Wegmans' Leader of the Pack team

Davies, Stop & Shop, Target, Wegmans, and The Westchester Bank, over \$16,800 was raised, and more than 4,200 breakfast bags were packed.

Neighbors helping Neighbors - This past fall, families from Rye, Purchase, and Harrison stepped up by creating a yard sign fundraiser. Thanks to their efforts and the support of generous neighbors, \$25,000 was raised!

The Community Fund of Bronxville - Eastchester - Tuckahoe, Inc. awarded



Feeding Westchester yard signs

a \$25,000 grant from their COVID Relief Fund to support the distribution of fresh, nutritious produce to those in need, especially in Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe, Yonkers, and Mount Vernon. **Thank you!!**

Volunteer Shout Out

The response to our **Help from Home** project was beyond anything we could have imagined! We deeply appreciate all

of those volunteers who put the "giving before the thanks" and prepared side dishes and dessert bags.

Many of you shared photos and stories about your bag packing. It was almost like having you here in our Clean Room!



Winter-themed Help from Home bags are next. Learn more at: FeedingWestchester.org/helpfromhome



Over 3,000 bags distributed locally



Fresh produce distributed

8.9 million lbs.



Meals distributed

18.4 million meals



Pounds distributed at Mobile Food Pantries and Fresh Markets

4.9 million lbs.



Fresh Market and Mobile Food Pantries

686 held around Westchester

FEEDING WESTCHESTER

Feeding Westchester is the county's leading nonprofit hunger-relief organization at the heart of a network of nearly 300 partners and programs. With a mission to end hunger in Westchester County, the organization sources and distributes good, nutritious food and other resources to communities in need throughout Westchester County.

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FeedingWestchester.org/donate

For other ways to get involved:

FeedingWestchester.org/take-action

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LEAVE A LEGACY

JOIN THE HARVEST SOCIETY

A bequest could be the most important charitable gift you ever make. Show your commitment to feeding our hungry neighbors by naming Feeding Westchester in your estate plan, or making Feeding Westchester part of your legacy plan.

For more information about our legacy programs, please contact Feeding Westchester's Director of Individual Giving, Kelly Garvey, at kgarvey@feedingwestchester.org or 914.418.5212.

LEND US Your Voice

As a direct service agency, we understand ending hunger requires more than feeding the hungry. We know that eliminating hunger requires addressing its root causes and this cannot be solved by charity alone. Through advocacy, Feeding Westchester works to address the systemic issues that contribute to and perpetuate the problem of hunger in our society.

But we can't do this alone. If you would like current information on our specific advocacy efforts or would like to join our advocacy action alerts, email ncrawford@feedingwestchester.org

MOBILE PANTRY In Action

The Junior League of Bronxville and the Beulah Seventh-Day Adventist Church have been partnering with Feeding Westchester for nearly seven years. Before COVID-19, more than three hundred families a month were served. Since the pandemic, the line has more than doubled around the block.

Stories like this one shared by Charmaine, a Mount Vernon mother of three, are common. "I was laid off because of the pandemic. Without the mobile pantry, things would have been so much harder for me and my family. I get what I can from the store, but the prices have skyrocketed. At the pantry, I can get fresh fruits and vegetables as well as bread and milk so my family can have a balanced meal."



Kristin Smith, Executive VP of Junior League of Bronxville, volunteering at a Mobile Food Pantry

Mobile Pantries are a "farmers' market on wheels," distributing fresh fruits and vegetables as well as dairy and meat products to those who need them.

UPDATES

Check out Hunger®



The recent 30th Anniversary Check Out Hunger campaign has helped raise over \$30,000 at check out counters in participating stores like ShopRite, Wegmans, Green's Natural Foods, Balducci's

Food Lover's Market, Foodtown, and Fairway. Thank you to our community who has rallied to the aid of neighbors in need and the dedicated cashiers at these participating stores.